April 8, 2010

Dear Grade 5 parents,

Welcome to ISB Middle School! Your child will be joining the ISB Middle School next year in Grade 6 and that transition is very important to us because it is setting the stage for a successful middle school experience. We are pleased to share with you our schedule of transition events designed to welcome you and your children to your new “home” at ISB and to facilitate a smooth transition in August.

**Thursday, May 6, 2010: Grade 6 Parent Evening 7:00 – 8:30pm**

This is a chance for parents to find out about Middle School and Grade 6 in particular, have their questions answered, and meet the 6th grade teachers, counselors, and administrators.

**Friday, May 7, 2010: Enrichment choice forms will be sent home.**

These forms will guide the scheduling of the wide range of enrichment class opportunities (i.e. Band, Wushu, Weaving, Soccer, etc.) that are open to Middle School students during the school day. Course descriptions and sign-up forms will be emailed to you for your reference.

**Friday, May 7, 2010: Introduction to the Middle School**

In the morning, Grade 6 teachers will meet with Grade 5 students and teachers to present general information on what to expect with their transition to the Middle School.

**Friday, May 7, 2010: 5th Grade students to visit 6th grade classrooms**

Following the presentation by the 6th grade teachers, each 5th grade class will spend time in a 6th grade “buddy” classroom. They will have a chance to ask questions, try out the lockers, look at schedules, ask about enrichments, and more.

**May 10-14th: Counselor visits to 5th grade classrooms**

Ms. Gold and Mr. West will visit each of the classrooms to answer questions that the students may have and assist in completing the enrichment forms.

**Friday, May 21st: Enrichment forms due.**

Forms must be returned by this date to your child’s 5th grade teacher

**Ongoing through May and June:**

Our Middle School Counselors will draw upon information provided by the Grade 5 teachers and UES Counselor to create class lists. Students in all grade levels will be informed of class placements at the beginning of the new school year.

You will also find attached here a letter that has been sent to all Middle School parents regarding class placement guidelines. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us or one of our counselors.

Yours sincerely,

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